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Fort Leonard Wood recalls most DoD/DA civilians from furlough

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The majority of Fort Leonard Wood’s furloughed Department of Defense and Department of Army civilian employees are being recalled to work.

The recall was directed by DoD Secretary Chuck Hagel, who announced Saturday that the Pay Our Military Act allows the department to “eliminate furloughs for employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members.”

Unless otherwise instructed by their supervisor, DoD and DA civilian employees at Fort Leonard Wood should report to work Monday or their next scheduled duty day. Civilian employees working for non-Army DoD entities on post should check with their organization for instruction.

A lapse in appropriated funding for government operations Oct. 1 resulted in the temporary furlough of many of the more than 3,600 DoD and DA civilians working here in various agencies.

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About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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